

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1           1.    A method for collecting information from a  
2   telecommunications network for a portal, comprising the steps  
3   of:  
4                receiving at least one service level from the  
5   portal, the at least one service level associated with at  
6   least one subscriber;  
7                determining at least one parameter that corresponds  
8   to the at least one service level;  
9                collecting at least one item of information that  
10   relates to the at least one subscriber in accordance with the  
11   at least one parameter; and  
12                forwarding the at least one item of information to  
13   the portal.

1           2.    The method according to claim 1, wherein the at  
2    least one item of information comprises a location indication  
3    of a mobile equipment associated with the at least one  
4    subscriber.

1           3.    The method according to claim 1, wherein the at  
2    least one subscriber comprises a plurality of subscribers,  
3    the plurality of subscribers comprising a group of  
4    subscribers related according to the portal.

1           4.    The method according to claim 1, wherein the at  
2    least one service level is received in a transaction  
3    agreement between the portal and the telecommunications  
4    network.

1           5.    The method according to claim 1, wherein the at  
2    least one parameter comprises at least one of an accuracy  
3    range, a response time, a network node/entity, and a polling  
4    of vs. proactive triggering by a designated network  
5    node/entity variable.

1           6.    The method according to claim 1, wherein said step  
2    of collecting at least one item of information that relates  
3    to the at least one subscriber in accordance with the at  
4    least one parameter comprises the steps of:

5                   polling a network node/entity for the at least one  
6    item of information; and

7                   receiving, responsive to said step of polling, the  
8    at least one item of information from the network  
9    node/entity.

1           7.    The method according to claim 6, wherein the  
2    network node/entity comprises a home location register or a  
3    mobile positioning center.

1           8.    The method according to claim 1, wherein said step  
2   of collecting at least one item of information that relates  
3   to the at least one subscriber in accordance with the at  
4   least one parameter comprises the steps of:

5                instructing a network node/entity to proactively  
6   trigger transmission of the at least one item of information;  
7   and

8                receiving, responsive to said step of instructing,  
9   the at least one item of information from the network  
10   node/entity.

1           9.    The method according to claim 8, wherein the  
2   network node/entity comprises at least one of a mobile  
3   equipment, a subscriber identity module (SIM), and a SIM  
4   application.

1           10. The method according to claim 1, wherein the portal  
2 comprises at least one of an Internet portal, an information  
3 service provider, a data server, and a world wide web (WWW)  
4 site.

1           11. The method according to claim 1, wherein said step  
2 of determining at least one parameter that corresponds to the  
3 at least one service level comprises the step of mapping the  
4 at least one service level in a data structure to an entry  
5 comprising a plurality of parameters, the plurality of  
6 parameters including the at least one parameter.

1           12. A method for collecting information from a  
2   telecommunications network for a portal, comprising the steps  
3   of:

4                receiving from the portal a service level  
5   corresponding to desired location information, the service  
6   level associated with at least one subscriber;

7                comparing the received service level to a plurality  
8   of stored service levels, the plurality of stored service  
9   levels including a first service level and a second service  
10   level;

11               if the received service level matches the  
12   first service level, then requesting the desired  
13   location information via a first scheme;

14               if the received service level matches the  
15   second service level, then requesting the desired  
16   location information via a second scheme;

17               receiving the desired location information via at  
18   least one of the first scheme and the second scheme; and

19 forwarding the received desired location  
20 information to the portal.

1 13. The method according to claim 12, wherein the  
2 portal comprises at least one of an Internet portal, an  
3 information service provider, a data server, and a world wide  
4 web (WWW) site.

1 14. The method according to claim 12, wherein the at  
2 least one service level is received in a transaction  
3 agreement between the portal and the telecommunications  
4 network, the transaction agreement directed to the at least  
5 one subscriber.

1 15. The method according to claim 12, wherein the first  
2 service level includes a first accuracy range and the second  
3 service level includes a second accuracy range, the first  
4 accuracy range differing from the second accuracy range.

1           16. The method according to claim 12, wherein the first  
2       service level includes a first response time and the second  
3       service level includes a second response time, the first  
4       response time differing from the second response time.

1           17. The method according to claim 12, wherein the first  
2       service level includes a first network node/entity and the  
3       second service level includes a second network node/entity,  
4       the first network node/entity differing from the second  
5       network node/entity.

1           18. The method according to claim 17, wherein the first  
2       network node/entity comprises a mobile positioning center and  
3       the second network node/entity comprises a mobile equipment.

1           19. The method according to claim 17, wherein the first  
2       network node/entity comprises a home location register node  
3       and the second network node/entity comprises a mobile  
4       equipment.



1           20. The method according to claim 12, wherein the first  
2    service level includes a first mobile equipment transmission  
3    medium and the second service level includes a second mobile  
4    equipment transmission medium.

1           21. The method according to claim 20, wherein the first  
2    mobile equipment transmission medium comprises a short  
3    message service (SMS) format and the second mobile equipment  
4    transmission medium comprises an unstructured supplementary  
5    service data (USSD) format.

1           22. The method according to claim 12, wherein the first  
2   scheme comprises polling a network node/entity for the  
3   desired location information, and the second scheme comprises  
4   at least one of (i) retrieving a previously-received-from-a-  
5   mobile-equipment desired location information and (ii)  
6   pushing an application module to a mobile equipment and  
7   awaiting the desired location information to be received from  
8   the mobile equipment.

1           23. An arrangement for facilitating the collecting of  
2 target information from a telecommunications network for a  
3 portal, comprising:

4               a first logic module, said first logic module  
5 capable of communicating with the portal to receive at least  
6 one service level, the at least one service level associated  
7 with at least one subscriber;

8               a second logic module, said second logic module  
9 capable of communicating with the telecommunications network  
10 to receive target information therefrom;

11              a data structure, said data structure including a  
12 plurality of entries, each entry of the plurality of entries  
13 including a service level and at least one parameter; and

14              a third logic module, said third logic module  
15 capable of comparing the at least one service level with each  
16 entry of the plurality of entries of said data structure to  
17 determine a corresponding entry.

1           24. The arrangement according to claim 23, wherein the  
2 arrangement comprises a business-to-business (B2B) engine.

1           25. The arrangement according to claim 23, wherein at  
2 least two of the first logic module, the second logic module,  
3 and the third logic module comprise a single larger  
4 consolidated logic module.

1           26. The arrangement according to claim 23, wherein the  
2 at least one parameter comprises a network node/entity, and  
3 wherein at least one of said second logic module and said  
4 third logic module is configured to orchestrate a  
5 communication regime with the network node/entity to thereby  
6 receive the target information therefrom.